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Key Activities of the Month:

On 1 June 2021, The Press Secretariat Unit of the Office of the Prime Minister convened Federal and Regional communicators for an experience sharing and training session on 'Communications in the Digital Age' and 'Crisis Communications' by local experts in the field. This session is being undertaken as part of efforts in strengthening the national communications ecosystem by building stronger linkages between and among communicators.



On 3 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, African Development Bank President.

On 5 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviews the construction of

Megech dam which has been delayed for over eight years and a point of contention for people of the area given the delay induced resource wastage. In the past year especially, the construction has accelerated and is at 70% at the moment.

On 6 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew laid a foundation stone for the construction of the Dejazmach Bere Zegeye Memorial Secondary School in Mehal Armacho Woreda Masero Denb town, to be constructed in memory of first lady's late grandfather who played a significant and heroic role in warding off foreign aggression in the 1930s.

On 6 June 2021, Tana Beles -1 Sugar Factory inaugurated in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and higher government officials. The inauguration is key to building a competitive sugar industry in our country. Under the reform leadership, projects that were delayed for over 8 years are fast tracked to completion.

On 7 June 2021, Following the launch of the 3rd year Green Legacy initiative nationally, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided in Debre Markos city as the regional administration initiates its program to plant throughout the region.



On 7 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurates W.A Industrial Edible Oil Complex. Prime Minister Abiy stated that private sector

investments in various sectors, capitalizing on resources nationally, contribute to import substitution of items we can produce domestically. The inauguration of W.A Industrial Edible Oil Complex is one such opportunity for engagement in production of basic consumer products.



On 8 June 2021, Ethiopia has signed the historic telecom license agreement with Global Partnership Ethiopia. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the agreement signifies the implementation of major policy changes undertaken in the past three years. The signing ceremony was attended by President Uhuru Kenyatta of the Republic of Kenya.

On 9 June 2021, A site for the construction of the Gurage Development Center has been provided by the Addis Ababa City Administration to the Gurage Development and Culture Association. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who was present at the ceremony, said all sections of the society have an irreplaceable role to play in strengthening national unity.

On 13 June 2021, The Addis Ababa Meskel Square and Churchill Rd to City Hall projects were inaugurated. The renovations undertaken are human design centered and aspire to unlock the city's economic and social potential beyond aesthetic value. This is a demonstration of the national vision for prosperity efforts underway throughout Ethiopia.



On 16 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew together with higher government officials have arrived in Jimma city. The Prime Minister inaugurated the Awetu River Development Project. Our unity is our strength and beauty he reiterated. Prime Minister Abiy also planted seedlings in Jimma as part of the Green Legacy initiative.

On 17 June 2021, A groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Mizan Aman Airport in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Region (SNNPR) was held in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, First Lady Zinash Tayachew and other senior government officials.



On 20 June 2021, Mind Ethiopia has organized a congratulatory ceremony

for all the political parties participating in the sixth national election. The Prime Minister thanked the organizers and expressed confidence that Ethiopia will win.



On 20 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the National Election Security Strategic Command for a briefing ahead of Election Day tomorrow. The NISS Election Security Platform was unveiled in the central command Situation Room of the Office of the Prime Minister, highlighting election security preparedness undertaken by the security sector.

On 21 June 2021, Election Day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inspected one of the city's mega projects- the Pushkin-Gotera road project that has been under construction in the past few months. Built at a cost of Birr 1.5billion, the 3.8km road currently at 70% completion rate will tremendously ease traffic congestion once completed. Together with the inspection, he also planted his Green Legacy print.

Thereafter, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviewed the progress of a bread factory being constructed with the purpose of providing for the needy through the First Lady's Office. With a 1 million per day output capacity when fully operational, the goal is to have up to 10 bread factories in each major city through government initiative and private sector support.



In the afternoon of Election Day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who voted at the Beshasha polling station in Goma Woreda, Jimma Zone, said the participation of Ethiopians in the election shows their commitment towards peace and democracy.



On 23 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the annual home renovations initiative in support of up to 15 impoverished households in the Aware area.



On 26 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the ‘African Leadership Excellence Academy’ designed to develop world class leadership as part of Ethiopia’s vision for prosperity. The facility sprawled on green acres, is equipped with state of the art 600-person lecture auditorium, cafes, student cafeteria, fitness center, meeting halls, library, class rooms and student dormitories. On June 22, 2013, the Council of Ministers endorsed the renaming of the institution from "Meles Zenawi Leadership Academy" to "African Leadership Academy".

On 28 June 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with political party leaders and expressed his thanks for their contribution to the success of the 6th national election. They also discussed lessons learnt from the challenges and gaps in the electoral process to strengthen the country’s democracy at the outset.

Press Releases and Statements

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed provides an explanation on the Government’s unilateral ceasefire decision in Tigray:

30 June 2021

<https://bit.ly/3y59oa7>

Quote of the Month

“The Sixth National Election is impressive in many ways. More than two thousand and seventy media professionals have been deployed and transmitting live. This has never been the case in Ethiopian’s history.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Photo of the Month



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed casts his vote at a polling station in Goma Woreda of Jimma Zone

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